GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Dept., - Appointment of Additional Collectors (Revenue) as Ex-Officio Forest Settlement Officers in the Districts concerned under the Telangana Forest Act, 1967 (Act No.17 of 1967)-Notification – Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.110 Dated.24.10.2025.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.430, Energy, Forests, Environment, Science & Technology (For.I) Dept., dt:30.11.1989.
2. G.O.Ms.No.553, EFS&T (For.II) Dept., dt:20.12.1999.
3. G.O.Ms.No.66, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.I) Dept., dt:31.07.2001.
4. G.O Rt.No.109, Revenue (Ser.I) Dept., dt:27.02.2018.
5. PCCF (HoFF), T.G. Hyd.,Rc.No. 666639/2024/WLR-1, Dateds:25.04.2024, 03.10.2024 and 02.07.2025 and 25.08.2025.
6. U.O.Note No.30652/Ser.I/2024, Revenue (Ser.I) dept., dt:24.02.2025.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. Fourth read above, the Revenue (Ser.I) Department, have issued orders dispensing with the scheme of "Survey and Settlements of Forest Boundaries" (under Plan) w.e.f 01.03.2018. The Staff working under the said scheme have been relieved from their duties w.e.f 28.02.2018 A.N. and the work of the Forest Settlement Officers was entrusted to the Joint Collectors of the districts concerned with a direction to utilize the services of available staff of the District Revenue Officers and District Forest Officers, till the survey is completed.

2. In the letter Fifth read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has stated that as per sub section(2) of section 4 of the Forest Act 1967, an Officer not below the rank of Revenue Divisional Officer shall be appointed as Forest Settlement Officer to consider the objections if any against the declaration of suitable land as Reserved Forest and to enquire into and determine the existence, nature and extent of any rights claimed by or alleged to exist in favour of any person in or over any land comprised within such limits or to any forest produce of such land and to deal with the same as provided in the chapter II of the Forest Act 1967 (Act No.17 of 1967). Accordingly, officers not below the rank of Revenue Divisional Officer were performing the duties of Forest Settlement Officer in the Districts of the combined State. The PCCF(HoFF), Hyderabad, has further stated that the Revenue Department, has no objection to entrust the work of Forest Settlement Officer to the Additional Collector (Revenue) of the district until creation of specific post in Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department. Therefore, the PCCF(HoFF), Hyderabad, has requested the Government, to issue suitable orders for appointing Forest Settlement Officer in the Districts of Telangana State at the earliest, in view of abolition of the post of Joint Collectors and replacement with that of Additional Collector.

3. After careful examination of the matter Government hereby appoint Additional Collectors (Revenue) in the districts as Ex-Officio Forest Settlement Officers under clause (C) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Telangana Forest Act, 1967 (Act No.17 of 1967).

4. Accordingly, the following Notification shall be published in an Extra-ordinary issue of the Telangana Gazette, dt:31.10.2025.

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NOTIFICATION

"In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Telangana Forest Act, 1967 (Act 17 of 1967) and in supersession of the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.430, Energy, Forests, Environment, Science & Technology (For.I) Dept., dt:30.11.1989, G.O.Ms.No.553, EFS&T (For.II) Dept., dt:20.12.1999, G.O.Ms.No.66, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.I) Dept., dt:31.07.2001, and in partial modification of the orders issued in G.O Rt.No.109, Revenue (Ser.I) Dept., dt:27.02.2018 the Government of Telangana hereby appoints the Additional Collectors (Revenue) in all the Districts as Ex-Officio Forest Settlement Officer in the respective district. They shall have the jurisdiction in respect of all notified Forest Blocks situated in the District.

This notification shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the date of abolition of the post of Joint Collectors and replacement with that of Additional Collectors (Revenue)."

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, the Commissioner & Director of Settlement, Survey and Land Records, all District Collectors and all Additional Collectors (Revenue) in the state shall take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase (Publication Wing) Telangana, Hyderabad for publication of the Notification (It is requested to supply 100 copies of the notification to this Dept., and 300 copies to PCCF (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad,
The Principal Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana, Hyderabad.
The CCLA, Hyderabad,
The Commissioner, SS & LR.
All the District Collectors in the State
All the Addl. Collectors (Revenue) in the State.

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PS to OSD to Hon'ble C.M.
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PS to CS
PS to Prl.Secy., to Govt., EFS&T Dept.,
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SECTION OFFICER